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LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you in reply to the allegations contained in the letter of 21 August addressed by the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic to the President of the Security Council, published as the document of the Security Council No. S/24499 of 28 August 1992, labelling the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia without any grounds as the "aggressor" and accusing it of violating the relevant Security Council resolutions and cease-fire agreements and of shelling the towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We most resolutely reject once again Mr. Izetbegovic's charges against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia regarding the purported involvement of the Yugoslav Army in the fighting in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially his very transparent and ill-intentioned allegations of the bombing of Bosnian targets by the Yugoslav Air Force. The underlying motivation of such letters from representatives of the Bosnian Government is not the desire to promote peace and to end tragedy in the region. On the contrary, the Bosnian Government is seeking to further stir up the conflict there, with a view to getting, by all means, outside factors involved, as they have repeatedly publicly stated.

We reiterate once again that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia withdrew all its military forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina on 21 May 1992 and that it is doing its utmost to prevent any military or other activities which might be directed against Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Through its highest representatives and in letters to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council, the Yugoslav Government has repeatedly indicated its willingness and desire that United Nations personnel be deployed in its territory (at airports and along frontiers) to investigate first hand those false allegations, but so far, we have received no reply.

Accordingly, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia invites again representatives of the United Nations to come to Yugoslavia and see for themselves that the allegations of Mr. Izetbegovic regarding the Yugoslav air force missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina flown from the airports located in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, are untrue.

We consider that the deployment of United Nations observers at airports within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia would significantly contribute to establishing the truth and renouncing, on the basis of the first-hand information, allegations used in the propaganda campaign run by the Bosnian Government.

This would also help provide the world public with accurate information in such and similar situations and present a true picture of the efforts the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is making to achieve peace and bring an end to the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina through dialogue and by agreement of all three peoples living there.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
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